

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
	:	20cr052 (DLC)
-v-	:	
	:	<u>ORDER</u>
LUIS FARIAS, a/k/a "Luis Frias,"	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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DENISE COTE, District Judge:


On January 4, 2020, after conferring with defense counsel, the Government notified this Court's Chambers that the defendant intends to enter a plea of guilty. Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, an in-court proceeding may not be available to the defendant. In addition, due to the increase in demand for videoconference proceedings, a videoconference proceeding may not be available either. A telephone conference may be available, however. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that a change of plea hearing is scheduled for **Friday, January 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** Defense counsel shall respond to the following two questions by **Friday, January 8:**

- 1) Does the defendant consent to enter a plea of guilty through videoconference technology?
- 2) If a videoconference proceeding is unavailable, does the defendant consent to enter a plea of guilty at a telephone conference proceeding?

If the defendant consents to either option, please complete and submit the written consent form attached to this Order if it is feasible to do so.

Dated: New York, New York  
January 5, 2021

  
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DENISE COTE  
United States District Judge